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In re Application of: Asgeir Saebo *et al.*

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Entitled: **CONJUGATED LINOLEIC ACID ALKYL ESTERS IN FEED STUFFS AND FOOD**

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dated: September 21, 2000

By: *Mary Ellen Waite*

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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2000. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

### IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please amend the Claims as follows:*

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4. (Amended twice) A conjugated linoleic acid alkyl ester for safe use as a feed, food ingredient, or food supplement obtained by direct isomerization of an unrefined linoleic acid comprising

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a [conjugated linoleic acid alkyl ester] composition of isomers in one part comprising at least 50 percent by weight of ester isomers selected from the group consisting of c9,t11-octadecadienoic acid alkyl ester and t10,c12-[octadecanoic]octadecadienoic acid alkyl ester, and combinations thereof, and